



# 2023 Buckeye Stallion Series

*Sponsored by the Ohio Harness Horsemen's Association*

**\$20,000 Purse Per Leg, \$25,000 Consolation, \$75,000 Final**

**Nomination Payment Due: March 15, 2023, Nomination Fee \$250**

**Miami Valley, Northfield Park, Scioto Downs, and all-weather Fair Tracks.**

**Final: September 30, 2023, Hollywood Gaming at Dayton Raceway**

**Consolation: October 7, 2023, MGM Northfield Park**

- Nomination fee across the board for 2-and 3-year-old Ohio Sired horses \$250. Entry Fee for any Leg or Consolation \$250, Entry Fee for Final \$500. All nominations and entry fees will be added to the purse by age, gait & division. Nomination and Entry Fees are due upon entry and are non-refundable.
- Eligibility to only those foals sired by a Standardbred stallion registered with the Ohio State Racing Commission during the year of conception. Horses must be registered with the United States Trotting Association before nomination.
- Entering or Starting a horse in the same Leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series (BSS) and the Ohio Sires Stakes (OSS) is prohibited. Entering a horse that has raced in the same Leg in the Ohio Sires Stakes will result in a scratch from the Buckeye Stallion Series. Starting a horse in the same Leg (whether the start occurs in the Ohio Sires Stakes or Buckeye Stallion Series) will immediately invalidate and annul that horse's nomination to the Buckeye Stallion Series without refund. This rule applies regardless of whether the Leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series is scheduled and held before or after the same Leg in the Ohio Sires Stakes. Once invalidated and annulled, any points earned in the Buckeye Stallion Series to that point are surrendered, zeroed out, and the horse is immediately ineligible to enter or race in any remaining Buckeye Stallion Series Leg(s), Consolation, and Final in the current year.
- When the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation, or Final is drawn, and the Ohio Sires Stakes Final is on a five-eighths mile track, a horse in the top nine Ohio Sires Stakes' points standings, entered, or drawn into the Ohio Sire Stakes Scarlet and Gray Championship or Scarlet Championship, is ineligible for the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation, and Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
- When the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation, or Final is drawn, and the Ohio Sires Stakes Final is on a half mile track, a horse in the top eight Ohio Sires Stakes' points standings, entered, or drawn into the Ohio Sire Stakes Scarlet and Gray Championship or Scarlet Championship, is ineligible for the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation, and Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
- All ineligible, invalidated, and annulled horses are ineligible for the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation, and Buckeye Stallion Series Final.
- Qualifying Standards to start: At time of ENTRY, a starter must show within 45 days prior to the advertised day of the race at least one performance line without a break and within the time requirements below to start a leg, consolation, or final in the Buckeye Stallion Series. No allowances given for any reason.

|           | Trotters       | Trotters       | Pacers         | Pacers         |
|-----------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|           | Half- Mile     | Five-Eighths   | Half- Mile     | Five-Eighths   |
| 2-yr-olds | 2:07 or faster | 2:04 or faster | 2:02 or faster | 2:00 or faster |
| 3-yr-olds | 2:03 or faster | 2:02 or faster | 1:59 or faster | 1:58 or faster |

- Horses scratched sick or lame from any purse race may not race in a BSS Leg, Consolation, or Final until the seventh (7th) day after the race date from which the horse was scratched, and then only with a veterinarian's permission slip.
- A horse nominated at one gait may move to the other gait by advising the OHHA, providing the horse has not previously raced in the same Leg of the Buckeye Stallion Series or Ohio Sires Stakes, or had their nomination invalidated and annulled.
- A minimum of seven horses entered to start one division at Extended Pari-mutuel Meet host tracks. In any leg if fewer than seven enter the race shall be canceled and trainers notified. If more than seven enter one division, splits will occur as outlined below.

Splits for Half-Mile Extended Pari-mutuel Meet track would be as follows:

10 Entered, one division

Split on the following entries: 11, 21, 28, 37, 46, 55, 64, 73, etc.

Splits for Five-Eighth's mile Extended Pari-mutuel Meet track would be as follows:

11 Entered, one division

Splits on the following entries: 12, 21, 31, 41, 51, 61, 71, etc.

- A minimum of six horses entered to start one division at Fair or Matinee host track, except as outlined below. In any leg if fewer than six enter, the race shall be cancelled,

and trainers notified. If more than six enter one division, splits will occur as outlined below.

Splits for Half-Mile Fair all-weather track that starts seven or more wide shall follow the Extended Meet Pari-mutuel track formula, above for minimum starters and splits. Splits for Half-Mile Fair all-weather tracks that start six-wide and Crawford County, Bucyrus Fair, would be as follows: Split on 9, 17, 25, 33, 41, 49, 57, 65 etc.

- Entry is not automatic. A horse must enter the BSS Consolation or BSS Final to be named a starter. A horse must start in at least two BSS legs to be eligible to enter for the BSS Consolation or BSS Final. All horses (except ineligible or invalidated/annulled horses) receiving points in two legs may enter the BSS Final or BSS Consolation, but only the eight horses for a BSS Final on a half-mile track or nine horses for a BSS Final on a five-eighths mile track with the highest point totals of those entered will be selected as starters. When the BSS Final is raced on a half-mile track, the eight horses with the highest point totals or entered in the BSS Final are not eligible to enter the BSS Consolation. When the BSS Final is raced on a five-eighths mile track, the nine horses with the highest point totals or entered in the BSS Final are not eligible to enter the BSS Consolation. If a horse is eligible by points and drawn in to race in the BSS Final, the horse shall race only in the BSS Final. A horse scratched from the BSS Final is not eligible to enter the BSS Consolation.

- Excluding ineligible, invalidated, or annulled horses, all other horses receiving points in at least two BSS legs may enter the BSS Consolation, but only the eight horses for a BSS Consolation on a half-mile track or nine horses for a BSS Consolation on a five-eighths mile track with the highest point totals of those entered will be selected as starters.

- Points will be awarded in each of the five legs of the series as follows: Win-51, Second-26, Third-13, Fourth-9, Fifth-6 and all remaining starters-1. In the event of a dead heat, as with purse money division, horses shall receive the standard distribution of points for their order of finish.

- Points are calculated as-of the draw date for any Consolation, or Final. Points shall be awarded according to any placing of the judges and shall be used to determine which horses shall qualify for the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation or Final. Any pending appeal of a ruling issued by the judges shall not alter the placing determined by the judges. Participants with appeals yet to be decided at the time of declaration will have points deducted for the violation. In the case of a positive drug test, all appeals will have points deducted for a placing, unless the case has a final, unappealable decision prior to declaration.

- Should any participant in the Buckeye Stallion Series be notified of a positive drug test result in any Series Race, he/she must notify the Ohio Harness Horseman's Association upon receipt of the notice.

- If two or more horses tied in points declare in for the last position in the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation or Final, the horse with the highest earnings in the Buckeye Stallion Series for the current year will be the last starter. If the tie is not broken by earnings, the last starter shall be drawn by lot.

- Two also-eligible horses may be drawn in the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation or Final. The higher point winner shall be assigned also-eligible #1. If also-eligible horses tie in points, the horse with the higher Buckeye Stallion Series earnings, also-eligible #1 shall be drawn by lot. Also-eligible horses may move in if a scratch occurs prior to the designated scratch time at the track hosting the Buckeye Stallion Series Consolation or Final.

- Cancellations. If circumstances prevent racing any leg, Consolation, or the Final at the scheduled racetrack on its advertised date, the OHHA may reschedule it on another date or at another track.

- Unless otherwise specifically stated in the conditions, Ohio State Racing Commission Rules will govern. The interpretation of any of the conditions and settlement of any disputes that arise will be determined by the OHHA in their sole and complete discretion in making a final decision. The OHHA reserves the sole and exclusive right to modify, alter, amend and/or cancel this event in its entirety.